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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH CONTINUATION-IN-PART APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

Dear Sir:

Please enter this preliminary amendment and accompanying remarks in the file of the above referenced continuation-in-part application filed herewith.

In the Specification

Immediately after the title please insert the following sentence:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/996,976 filed on 12/23/97.

On page 4, please insert the following paragraph after the first full paragraph ending on line 18 and before the paragraph beginning on line 19:

The starting material for the process of the present invention is a vegetable material which contains protein and ribonucleic acids. The vegetable material may be relatively unrefined, for example whole soybeans and whole peas. More preferably the vegetable material is more refined and is processed to remove fats, oils, and hulls, and is comminuted or flaked. Preferred moderately refined vegetable protein materials are vegetable flours, vegetable grits, and vegetable flakes. Especially preferred moderately refined vegetable protein materials are defatted soy flours, defatted soy grits and soy meals, and defatted soy flakes.

On page 4 please substitute the following paragraph for the second full paragraph (lines 19-27):

Most preferably the starting material for the process of the present invention is a refined vegetable protein material such as a vegetable protein concentrate or a vegetable protein isolate. As used herein, and according to conventional definition, a vegetable protein concentrate is a vegetable protein material containing from 65% up to 90% protein by weight on a dry basis, and a vegetable protein isolate is a vegetable protein material containing at least 90% protein by weight on a dry basis. Vegetable protein